

Instructional Services

Family and School Partnerships

HIPPY

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters





Love of Learning Begins at Home

HIPPY Background Information

- Evidence-based, parent involvement, early learning program
- Serves parents of children 3, 4, and 5 years old
- Separate curriculum for each age group, available in English and Spanish
- Curricula recently revised to incorporate STEM related activities.

HIPPY Background Information continued

- Provides 30 weeks of parent instruction (October to June)
- Weekly home visits or small group visits are held in elementary schools, community centers, or other locations
- Curricula scripted to remove barriers due to parents'
 low level of education and limited knowledge of English
- Parents acquire the tools and experience to engage children in school readiness activities, in their home, 15-20 minutes per day.

Program Strengths

- Provides preschool experience to children not enrolled in any preschool program
- Actively engages parents in their children's academic education so children enter school ready to learn
- Builds on parents' abilities as role model, first teacher, and advocate
- Provides in-depth weekly staff training and supervision

Program Strengths continued

- Bridges the achievement gap with a proven program
- Program is cost-effective
- Meets rigorous criteria set for federal funding under MIECHV provision of ACA.
- Goal: To have a presence in a majority of Title I schools

Program Impact

- Replicated nationally (140 sites) and internationally
- More than 25 years in the USA
- Serves 15,000 children annually in the USA
- ▶ 10 years in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS)
- Parents of 241 children served by FCPS in 2014-15
- Extensive research data available online
- Websites: <u>www.fcps.edu/is/hippy.shtml</u> <u>www.hippyusa.org</u>